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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: CMAP Staff

Date: May 4, 2016

Re: State Legislative Update

In April, staff continued work to inform General Assembly members about legislation to reinstate the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (CRPF). Amendments filed in April, if adopted, would provide \$6 million to the fund in FY2017, index future appropriations to the fund to inflation, and secure continuing appropriations from the CRPF for the Metropolitan Planning Organizations' (MPO) federal planning funds. [SB2966-SA1](#) remains in Senate Appropriations II with an extension through May 31. [HB6286](#) and its corresponding amendment were re-referred to the Rules Committee. Staff outreach about the legislation's importance for both planning and infrastructure investments included legislators, the governor's office, and stakeholders throughout the state. As a result, numerous local and county governments, downstate MPOs, and other partners have expressed support of the legislation and conducted their own advocacy efforts.

Staff also continues to monitor and analyze bills under consideration this session. Legislation included in this memorandum impact CMAP's 2016 State Legislative [Principles](#) and [Agenda](#) or is of interest to CMAP and its partners. Thus far, numerous bills have failed to meet legislative deadlines. Friday, May 13 is the deadline for bills that have advanced out of committee in the second chamber. Staff recommends the Board support three additional bills that contribute to the implementation of GO TO 2040 by facilitating efficient governance. The three bills recommended for support, HB4501, SB388, and SB389, address several current barriers to consolidation and provide processes for county- and township-led consolidation of units of government.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

May 2016 Legislative Summary

Subject	Bill	Summary	Status	Agency Position
ACHIEVE GREATER LIVABILITY THROUGH LAND USE AND HOUSING				
Housing planning	SB2271	<p>Sen. Iris Y. Martinez (D-Chicago) Rep. Will Guzzardi (D-Chicago)</p> <p>The amended version makes modifications to the Comprehensive Housing Planning Act. The modifications extend the lifetime of the act to 2026, expand the topics and populations considered in the annual comprehensive housing plan, and stakeholders involved in its preparation. The plan would identify funding sources and recommends allocations; sets goals for the number and types of housing units to be built, preserved, or rehabbed; coordinates resources; and recommend actions, incentives, and options for the State and local jurisdictions to meet housing goals.</p>	4/26/2016 House Economic Development & Housing Committee	
Green special service areas	SB116	<p>Sen. Daniel Biss (D-Skokie) Rep. Lou Lang (D-Skokie)</p> <p>Allows counties or municipalities to create a “green” special service area (SSA), issue bonds on these revenues, and levy related taxes. It authorizes the Illinois Finance Authority to purchase SSA bonds and accept assignments or pledges of public or private green SSA projects. Green projects are any installation, modification, or replacement that reduces energy use, creates renewable energy, or reduces water consumption in any multi-family residential, commercial, or industrial building, structure, or other facility. Property owners must opt in through a contract.</p>	2/24/2016 House Property Tax Subcommittee	
PURSUE COORDINATED INVESTMENTS				
County-led consolidation	HB4501	<p>Rep. Sam Yingling (D-Vernon Hills) Sen. Thomas Cullerton (D-Villa Park)</p> <p>This bill expands the DuPage county pilot into all counties. The legislation is permissive, authorizing counties to dissolve select small units of local</p>	4/27/2016 Senate Local Government Committee	Support

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		<p>government and consolidate their services in a transparent, open process.</p> <p>CMAF supported DuPage’s initiative Public Act 98-126 and monitors its implementation. Expansion of the pilot supports GO TO 2040’s efficient governance recommendations. Similar measures, HB4979 and SB2463 never emerged from House Rules and Senate Assignments, respectively. CMAF supported HB6007 which expanded the pilot to Lake county; however that bill was re-referred to the Rules committee.</p>		
<p>***New bill*** Township consolidation</p>	<p>SB388</p>	<p>Sen. Melinda Bush (D-Grayslake) Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park)</p> <p>Provides processes by which townships may dissolve. The legislation establishes a process for multiple townships to consolidate. The boards of the receiving and consolidating townships are required to pass identical referendums. It permits townships that are within a coterminous municipality could dissolve. Currently, only Evanston may use the process outlined in statute, PA 98-127. If a township were dissolved under this process, the coterminous municipality would have to take on its duties. Similar measures SB40 and SB2288 failed to meet legislative deadlines.</p> <p>GO TO 2040 recommends the consolidation of government, where appropriate. CMAF previously supported Evanston’s initiative to merge a coterminous township and municipality and monitored its successful implementation.</p>	<p>4/22/2016 House Referred to Rules Committee</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>***New bill*** Local government consolidation</p>	<p>SB389</p>	<p>Sen. Julie Morrison (D-Deerfield) Rep. Carol Sente (D-Vernon Hills)</p> <p>The bill makes numerous changes. It removes the 126 square-mile cap on township size. The bill dissolves road districts less than four miles in length. It also permits dissolution of road districts with less than 15 miles in length, if the road district’s board of trustees secures a majority of voters’ support. In</p>	<p>4/22/2016 House Referred to Rules Committee</p>	<p>Support</p>

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		<p>both cases, the road districts' rights and responsibilities will be assumed by the overlying township.</p> <p>The proposal also provides for dissolution of certain drainage in counties with population greater than 500,000 but less than 3,000,000 or DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will counties in northeastern Illinois. Counties with drainage districts may dissolve districts into the county by resolution in a public hearing, provided affective residents and landowners are notified at least 30 days prior to the meeting.</p>		
<p>Local government consolidation</p>	<p>SB2994</p>	<p>Sen. Thomas Cullerton (D-Villa Park) Rep. David McSweeney (R-Cary)</p> <p>Requires counties to conduct a study enumerating the units of local government or special districts whose membership is appointed in whole or in part by the county board or executive. The information required includes basic details such as the name, purpose, board composition, whether the unit of government levies a property tax, and if the unit has considered consolidation. Counties must submit their findings to the General Assembly by January 1, 2017.</p> <p>GO TO 2040 supports the careful analysis of opportunities to consolidate local services. This analysis could inform the legislature and counties about such opportunities.</p>	<p>5/02/2016 House Counties & Townships Committee</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>INVEST STRATEGICALLY IN TRANSPORTATION</p>				
<p>Road fund</p>	<p>***New bill*** HJRCA36</p>	<p>Rep Brandon Phelps (D-Harrisburg) Sen. William Haine (D-Alton)</p> <p>Amends the state Constitution to restrict the use of highway-related revenues for transportation purposes only, preventing transfers, offsets, or other diversions of transportation revenues to other purposes. It would further require the General Assembly to provide dedicated funding for any future appropriation for transportation modes not defined in the bill. It would</p>	<p>5/3/2016 Senate Placed on second reading</p>	

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		prohibit fund sweeps or transfers from the Road Fund or State Construction Account Fund, such as those that occurred in spring 2015 to address the state's FY15 funding gap after the expiration of the temporary state income tax hike.		
Public-private partnerships	HJR125	<p data-bbox="535 357 1008 389">Rep. Jim Durkin (R-Western Springs)</p> <p data-bbox="535 430 1501 609">Authorizes IDOT to begin a procurement process pursuant to the authority provided under the Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for Transportation Act. Specifically, IDOT proposes using a PPP to provide additional highway capacity along Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/Interstate 94 in DuPage, Cook, and Will Counties, and tolling the additional capacity.</p> <p data-bbox="535 657 1428 722">The I-55 Express Toll Lanes project is included in the GO TO 2040 list of fiscally constrained list of projects.</p>	2/23/2016 House Tollway Oversight Committee	Support

Previously reported bills that have missed legislative deadlines

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| HB6007 County-led local government reduction (CMAP supports) | SB2289 Township consolidation (CMAP supports) |
| HB6272 Dissolve special districts (CMAP supports) | SB3267 Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) fee |
| SB2287 Single township dissolution | SB3277 Public-private partnerships |
| SB2288 Dissolving coterminous townships (CMAP supports) | SB3279 Sustainable MFT and VMT transportation funding |

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